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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: TRANSGABON RAILROAD: OWENDO-SANTA CLARA
SPUR LINE

REFS: A. STATE 160435

B. LIBREVILLE 1666

SUMMARY: OCTRA HAS CALLED FOR PREQUALIFICATION
FOR OWENDO-SANTA CLARA SPUR LINE OF RAILROAD, WITH
AUGUST 10 DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED FORMAL NOTIFICATION FROM
OFFICE DU CHEMIN DE FER TRANSGABONAIS (OCTRA) OF
PREQUALIFICATION FOR BIDDING ON CONSTRUCTION OF OWNEDO- SANTA
CLARA SPUR LINE OF TRANSGABON RAILROAD. FORMAL
CALL FOR BIDS WILL BE MADE DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS BUT
PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTRA DIRECTOR GENERAL BEFORE REPEAT BEFORE
AUGUST 10, 1977.

DOSSIER FROM EACH COMPANY MUST INCLUDE THE
FOLLOWING: FULL DESCRIPTION OF FIRM (INCLUDING
COUNTRY OF REGISTRY, ANNUAL REPORT AND
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CAPITLAIZATION FIGURES, NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, ETC),
LETTER OF INTENT TO SUBMIT BID, SUMMARY OF RECENT
PROJECTS IN SIMILAR SECTOR, DESCRIPTION OF PERSONNEL
AND MATERIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO FIRM, AND
BANKING REFERENCES. FORMAL NOTIFICATION DID NOT
REPEAT NOT MENTION REQUIREMENT OF PREVIOUS
EXPERIENCE IN AFRICA (LIBREVILLE REFTTEL), BUT EMBASSY

BELIEVES THIS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN DOSSIER,
IF APPLICABLE.

3. DETAILS OF PROJECT, AS LISTED IN PREQUALIFICATION
NOTICE ARE AS FOLLOWS: SPUR LINE WILL BE THIRTY
KILOMETERS IN LENGTH AND WILL CONNECT BOOUE-OWENDO
LINE TO SANTA CLARA MINERWJ
LU. PROJECT IS
DIVIDED INTO FOUR LOTS. WORK IS SCHEDULED TO
BEGIN IN 1978 AND MUST BE COMPLETED IN TWENTY MONTHS. FIRMS MUST
FORSEE PRE-FINANCING WITH FOUR YEAR
GRACE PERIOD. BIDDING MAY TAKE PLACE ON ONE OR MORE
LOTS.

4. LOT NUMBER ONE: EARTHWORKS AND CIVIL ENGINEERING:
CONSTRUCTION OF SERVICE ROAD ALONG TRACKBED, LAND
CLEARING, EMBANKMENTS, INSTALLATION OF CULVERTS,
CONSTRUCTION OF TWO BRIDGES UNDER WHICH TRACK
WILL PASS. LAND CLEARING AND EMBANKMENTS WOULD
INVOLVE SOME ONE MILLION CUBE METERS OF EARTH
EACH.

5. LOT NUMBER TWO: CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD BED AND
LAYING OF TRACK: CONSTRUCTION OF FORTY KILOMETERS
OF MAIN LINE TRACK AND SEGMENTS OF SERVICE TRACK.
MAIN LINE WILL BE SOLDERED AT SIXTY-FIVE KILOGRAMS
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PER METER, PLACED OVER ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
FIFTY CROSS TIES PER KILOMETER, WITH DOUBLE
FLEXIBLE FASTENERS. THE CENTIMETERS OF SUB BALLAST
AND A FIFTEEN CENTIMETER LAYER OF BALLAST WILL BE
PLACED BETWEEN THE ROAD BED AND CROSS TIES. OCTRA
WILL FURNISH RAILS, FLEXIBLE FASTENERS, TRACKLAYING
EQUIPMENT ETC, BY SHIP AT OWENDO (FOB);
WOODEN TIES FROM ESSASSA FACTORY AND SUB BALLAST AND BALLAST FROM THE

MAKORA QUARRY, BOTH ALREADY IN OPERATION.

6. LOT NUMBER 3: SIGNALS AND COMMUNICATION:
FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION AT CENTRAL OWENDO POST
OF A STATION AND BRANCH LINE. FOR COMMUNICATION,
FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION OF COAXIAL CABLE,
TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS TELEPHONE AND
STATION/TRAIN COMMUNICATIONS.

7. LOT NUMBER 4: BUILDING: ONE HUNDREDEIGHTY
HOUSES FOR PERSONNEL, DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS:
ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SQUARE METERS OF
BUILDING SPACE FOR MANAGEMENT PURPOSES (INCLUDING

DORMITORIES, ETC) AND ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY SQUARE METERS OF WORK SHOPS FOR MAINTENANCE OF LOCOMOTIVES. INCLUSIVE ARE MAIN CONSTRUCTION WORK, LANDSCAPING AND ANY SUB CONTRACTING.

8. AS WE HAVE MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS CABLES EMBASSY WILL BE PLEASED TO HAND CARRY DOCUMENTATION DESCRIBED PARA ONE TO OCTRA DIRECTOR GENERAL CHARLES TSIBAH TO INSURE ITS RECEIPT.

9. COPIES OF PREQUALIFICATION NOTICE WILL BE FORWARDED VIA OFFICIAL CHANNELS TO MEPD AND AF/C WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. STEIGMAN

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